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DOUGLAS EDWARDS: President Reagan has named John McMahon, the number three man in the CIA, to replace Admiral Bobby Inman. Inman resigned last week saying that he wanted to start a new career in civil rights. Robert Shackne reports on satisfaction in the place where it counts.

ROBERT SHACKNE: Members of the congressional intelligence committees who've spoken out publicly are unanimous in praising the nomination of John McMahon as the CIA's new Deputy Director. And for the most part these are the same congressmen and senators who last week were complaining publicly about Admiral Bobby Inman's departure from that post.

Indiana's Republican Senator Richard Lugar, among the more outspoken, said today that the McMahon choice as Inman's replacement was in the right direction. Senator Daniel Moynihan calls McMahon's nomination a good and timely choice of a man with a superb career in intelligence.

McMahon is a 31-year veteran of CIA duty. He's run clandestine operations, he's supervised intelligence analysis, and he gets high marks from those who know him as an intelligence professional.

There was some grumbling today that McMahon's nomination ignores a precedent of having a military man in one of the top two CIA jobs, but for the most part the nomination seems to have defused and neutralized congressional unhappiness over Inman's departure.

Robert Shackne, CBS News, Washington.